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ASSISTANCE UNDER ASIDE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) salient features of the scheme called Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development for Exports, known as ASIDE;

(b) funds of assistance, the GOI stipulated to offer to various States in the country;

(c) kind of financial and the essential assistance proposed for exports excellence, the Food Park, bio-technology parks etc. under the scheme; and

(d) details of cases sanctioned under ASIDE?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The salient features of the Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) scheme are as follows:-

- The ASIDE Scheme establishes a mechanism for seeking the involvement of states in the development of infrastructure for exports through assistance linked to export performance.
- The outlay of the scheme has two components. 80% of the funds are earmarked for allocation to the States, and 20% are retained for the central component.
- At the state level, a State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) headed by the Chief Secretary of the state approves the implementation of the scheme.
- At the central level, an Empowered Committee on ASIDE under the Chairmanship of the Commerce Secretary approves the projects under the central component.

(b) to (d): The funds under the state component are allocated to the States based on their export performance. The SLEPC of each state can approve export linked projects including projects like Food Park, Bio-Technology Park etc. The funds under the central component are utilised for meeting inter-alia the requirements of inter state projects, capital outlays of Special Economic Zones, and any activity considered important by the Central Government from the regional or the national perspective.